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**Case Number:** 04-10642

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

In re:

Robert Franklin Brisbin  
and Kyle L. Brisbin,  
Debtors.

No. 13 - 04-10642 - SA

**INTERIM ORDER ON DEBTORS' AMENDED OBJECTION  
TO PROOF OF CLAIM #5 FILED BY CIT GROUP**

This matter is before the Court on Debtors' Amended Objection to Proof of Claim #5 of CIT Group ("CIT") (doc. 33). Debtors appear through their attorney William P. Gordon & Associates. CIT Group appears through its attorney Reeves, Chavez, Albers, Anderson & Baca, P.A. The Chapter 13 Trustee appeared through her attorney Annette DeBois. CIT Group filed a response (doc. 35), and Debtors filed a brief in support of their objection (doc. 39). This is a core proceeding. 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(B).

The sole issue dealt with in this Order is whether the Debtors may object to CIT's claim after obtaining an Order confirming their Chapter 13 Plan. This Order does not deal with the merits of the claim or the objection thereto.

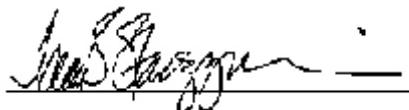
Having considered the arguments of the parties, and being otherwise sufficiently informed, the Court finds that Debtors are permitted, both by the language in their plan and as a matter of law, to object to CIT's claim at this time.

Therefore, the Court will schedule a pretrial conference to set discovery and deadlines for this contested matter.

First, Debtors' plan anticipates payments on arrearages "allowed by the court" if the proof of claim exceeds the plan's estimated amount due. Second, the Court finds In re Shank, 315 B.R. 799 (Bankr. N.D. Ga. 2004) persuasive. That court thoroughly analyzed the issue of objecting to claims after confirmation and reasoned that nothing in the code or rules require objections to be filed before confirmation. Id. at 801. See also United States v. Kolstad (In re Kolstad), 928 F.2d 171, 174 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir.), cert. denied, 502 U.S. 958 (1991)(There is no bar date for filing objections to proofs of claim.); Morton v. Morton (In re Morton), 298 B.R. 301, 309 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. B.A.P. 2003)(The line of cases that finds that there is no requirement to object to proofs of claim before the time of confirmation of a chapter 13 case is better reasoned.)

Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that Debtors objection to CIT's claim will be heard on the merits. It is further ordered that the Court will conduct a pretrial conference on October 17, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. in the Hearing Room, Room 13102, Dennis Chavez Federal Building and United States Courthouse, 500 Gold Avenue, SW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102.



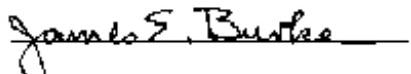
Honorable James S. Starzynski  
United States Bankruptcy Judge

I hereby certify that on September 22, 2005, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was electronically transmitted, faxed, delivered, or mailed to the listed counsel and/or parties.

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